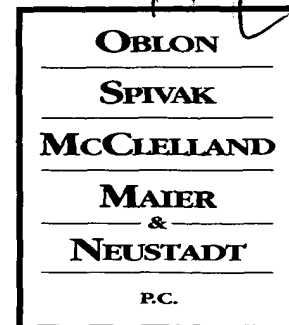




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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (TWO MONTH); NOTICE OF APPEAL;
AMENDMENT (ATTACHED: Accession NO. AE000154: ushA gene from E. coli K12; Accession
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Our check in the amount of \$730.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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